

ABSOLUTE RATING: Excellent
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Excellent

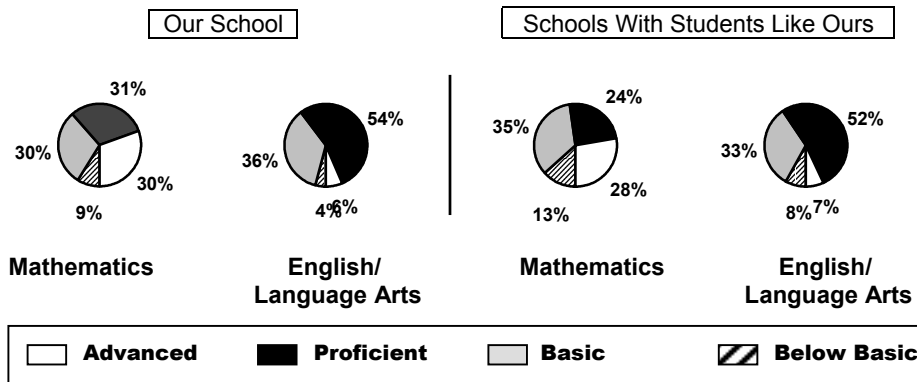
Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 24.
 The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from average to excellent. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to good.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=256)	95.7	91	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=253)	96.4	91.7		
Gender				
Male (n=132)	97	93.9		
Female (n=123)	95.1	88.6		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=108)	96.3	86.1		
Hispanic (n=10)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=135)	96.3	97		
Other (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=53)	96.2	90.4		
Pay for lunch (n=202)	96	91.6		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$6,228	N/A	\$4,915	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	90.6%	Down from 90.7%	90.8%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19 to 1	N/A	20.4 to 1	18.7 to 1
STUDENTS (n=506)				
• Attendance Rate	97%	No change	96.8%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	3.5%	N/A	0.5%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	3.1%	N/A	0.3%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	98.6%	Up from 91.2%	94.9%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	0.8%	Up from 0.6%	1.6%	3.6%
TEACHERS (n=37)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.5 Days	Down from 9.5	7.8 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	94.9%	Down from 96.1%	95.3%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	48.6%	Down from 54.3%	55%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	91.9%	Down from 94.3%	88%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	74%	Down from 76.7%	87.5%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,481	Up 3.8%	\$38,898	\$37,520

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
SCHOOL				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	65.5%	N/A	68.2%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	3	N/A	3.3	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	96%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	22.8%	Up from 7.1%	22.6%	43.1%
• On academic probation	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.4%	Up from 0%	0.5%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	1	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	31.9%	Down from 33.9%	31.9%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	5.1%	Down from 7%	6.1%	8.4%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

North Springs faculty and staff provide exemplary instruction in a caring and safe environment for ALL children. Our faculty and staff share the same high expectations as the parents for every student at our school. Our parents expect a safe, clean environment where ALL children experience academic success. Our community actively seeks a role in the education and celebration of our children. Our children benefit from this strong partnership with our community as has been evidenced by being named a Carolina First Palmetto's Finest School in 2001 and a Richland District Two Distinguished School in 2000 and 2001.

Our Academic Team was named first in the state in 1998 and 2001, and we are a Hall of Fame Exemplary Writing School. For the past three years, we have been named Champions of the Environment and Mrs. Roberta Friedland was selected as Richland County Conservation Teacher of the Year in 2001. In 2000 we also received certification as a National Backyard Habitat and a TIPS grant provided \$20,000 for technology integration. We provided students with success alternatives through after-school tutoring, Extended Learning Year, Floating Teaching Assistant Model, and the Science Discovery Center. Students are provided a myriad of enrichment activities which include a 5th grade trip to Florida to swim with the manatee. Our North Springs Family read over 30,000 books and logged 6,000 miles with our Fit and Lit Project. Fifteen classrooms were named Reading Renaissance Model Classrooms in the last two years and our PLAYERS After-School Program provided homework help in addition to classes in dance, karate, and gymnastics. Three of our teachers earned National Board Certification and six others are awaiting their results.

Our Number One Goal at North Springs is Academic Achievement. Our percentage of students meeting standard on PACT exceeded the district and state in both Math and English Language Arts. Also, on every tested objective on the Terra Nova Test for which anticipated scores are available, our students scored greater than anticipated. Our CSAB scores and Fourth Grade Writing scores were the highest in the district. In the 2001-02 school year we are looking forward to adding Child Development Classes for 3 and 4 year olds. Using our Garden of Learning theme, we celebrate the academic achievement of all children and embrace the belief that by working as a unified team, we will prepare our children to lead in the 21st Century.

Dr. James Ann Lynch

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	100.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	100.0	
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	100.0	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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North Springs Elementary
1300 Clemson Road
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Grades PK-5 Elementary School

Enrollment: 506 Students

Principal

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Stephen W. Hefner 803-738-3236

Board Chair

Michael Montgomery 803-779-3500

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Excellent

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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